

BILL NO. BL2019-1473 (PULLEY & WITHERS) – This ordinance would amend the Metropolitan Code to exempt educational institutions from certain sound amplification standards.

Section 11.12.070 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws regulates excessive noise within the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Government. Subsection A(1) regulates sound amplification equipment. Under the current regulations, no person may operate any sound equipment so as to create sounds that are plainly audible from the boundary line of the nearest residentially occupied property. This restriction does not apply to special events, mass gatherings or other permitted activity by Metro or a board or commission, nor does it apply to entertainment facilities constructed to provide outdoor entertainment owned by Metro or its agencies, or parks under the control of the Metro Board of Parks and Recreation.

This ordinance would add an exemption for educational institutions during typical on-campus activities, such as athletic events, musical performances, and student festivals.

An amendment is anticipated which would include time of day parameters and decibel level limits.